Trade pact with Norway

25. SHRI S.M. LAUAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bilateral trade pact has been signed with Norway recently during the visit of the Norwegian Trade and Industry Minister;

(b) if so, the details of such a Trade Pact;

(Q) what benefits are expected to accrue to India from this trade pact;

(d) whether a wider consultation will be held before the Government implements such trade pact; and

(e) the steps proposed to protect indian trade interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIJAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Reduction of soldiers on J&K border

26. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of soldiers on Jammu-Kashmir border has been reduced;

(b) whether cross-border terrorist activities by Pakistan have declined: and

(c) whether Pakistan has also reduced the number of soldiers on its borders and has accepted the indian Line of Control and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K.ANTONY): (a) The quantum of troops deployed in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is constinuously assessed and reviewed by the Army based on threat perception.